GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:315
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2000
PROMOTION OF SPORTS OTHER THAN CRICKET
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some sports like Football, Hockey, Kabaddi, Wrestling, Volleyball and Track events are ignored as compared to Cricket and other Western games;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for promotion of these sports; and

(d) the details of arrangements made/schemes formulated for the sports persons likely to participate in the coming Olympics?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND MINES (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 3 SHRI PRAVIN RASHTRAPAL FOR 14.8.2000 REGARDING `PROMOTION OF SPORTS OTHER THAN CRICKET`

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government is extending assistance for promotion of these games under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations. The assistance is provided for training and participation in tournaments abroad, holding of international tournaments in India, organization of National Championships at senior, junior and sub-junior levels, organization of coaching camps with facilities of boarding lodging, equipment, training through Indian and foreign coaches and necessary scientific and technical back-up. Assistance is also provided for development of sports infrastructure, incentives and scholarships to sports persons showing excellence and through other schemes of the Ministry and the Sports Authority of India for promotion of these sports.

(d) For the sports persons who are likely to participate in the coming Olympics, all assistance for their training within India, under the best Indian coaches as well as foreign coaches and experts and for training abroad, is being extended. All requisite support for equipment, scientific and technical back-up is being provided so that the players can put up a good performance in the Olympics.